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SUBJECT: PROPOSED US-USSR SEISMIC EXPERIMENTATION,
SHIKOTAN ISLAND REGION (02.0921)

1. US GROUP UNDER US-USSR ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGREEMENT, HAS AGREED TO CONDUCT SEISMIC/TSUNAMI EXPERIMENTATION WITH USSR IN THE VICINITY AND POSSIBLY ON SHIKOTAN ISLAND. HOWEVER, IN VIEW OF POST'S CONCERN, US PROJECT LEADER WILL INSIST THAT US LONG PERIOD SEISMOGRAPH BE INSTALLED AT YUZHNO SAKHALINSK NOT SHIKOTAN. THIS WILL NOT AFFECT THE JOINT AGREEMENT AS SAKHALINSK WAS ACTUALLY SUGGESTED IN THE RECORD OF DISCUSSION OF THE SECOND MEETING OF TSUNAMI EXPERTS, CONFIDENTIAL

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HELD 22-26 SEPT 1976IN USSR.

2. THREE AT SEA SEISMIC/TSUNAMI EXPERIMENTS WERE PLANNED FOR 1977 ALTHOUGH RECORD OF DISCUSSION IMPLIES ONLY TWO. FOLLOWING IS STATUS OF THREE EXPERIMENTS:

A. US/USSR OPEN OCEAN EXPERIMENT SCHEDULED OFF SHIKOTAN

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FOR AUG/SEPT 1977 HAS BEEN POSTPONED FOR ONE YEAR;

B. JAPAN/US EXPERIMENT APRIL 1977 NOT FUNDED AND
THEREFORE CANCELLED;

C. SOVIET EXPERIMENT OFF SHIKOTAN APRIL/MAY STILL PLANNED
BUT US WILL NOT PARTICIPATE.

3. US GROUP WILL RENEGOTIATE PLANS WITH USSR COUNTERPART
FOR OPEN OCEAN (OUTSIDE NEW JAPANESE 12-MILE LIMIT) EXPERI-
MENT AUG/SEPT 1978, WITH POST'S CONCERN RE SHIKOTAN ISLAND
AND GOJ SENSITIVITIES IN MIND. SUPPORT OF GOJ FOR THIS
EXPERIMENT IS DESIRABLE. FURTHER, RESULTS OF EXPERIMENT
WOULD BE VALUABLE TO GOJ. THEREFORE, US GROUP PREPARED TO
SEEK JAPANESE PARTICIPATION AND/OR SUPPORT IF POST CONCURS.
DEPARTMENT WILL ADVISE PRIOR TO ANY FURTHER AGREEMENTS WITH
USSR OR ANY NEGOTIATIONS WITH GOJ.
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